



SAINT JOSEPH

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JANUARY 7, 2018 - SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
Deacon Keith Duhon*Deacon*
Chenell Privat*Secretary to the Pastor*
Sandra Smith*Bookkeeper*
Eva Green*Coordinator of 1st-11th Grade Religion*
Celeste Fortier.....*Safe Environment Coordinator*
John Buroker*Choir Director*

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

BAPTISM: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday:8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:.... 6:30 a.m.
Thursday:.....6:00 p.m.
Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME, VISITORS.

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Begnaud Trista Littell
Bob Cole Nicole Hebert
Dan Guidry
Steve LeMaire

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



The Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.

The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

Please Pray For The Sick

- Lisa Landry Cindy Stelly Brad Richard Joe Credeur
- Gracie Broussard Wilda Bares Meyer Moore
- Lucy Broussard Chase Conway Stoute Trisha Doucet
- Janie Bordeaux Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
- Margie Decou Beridon Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux
- Joyce Comeaux Evelyn Landry
- James Benoit Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan
- Diane Johnson Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington
- Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Kim Vincent
- Luby Landry Goldie Broussard Lilly Mae Romero
- Dina Broussard Joe Daigle Mary Belle Broussard
- Enola G. Bernard Kathleen Blanco Raywood Decou

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory (*Not Available due to holiday*) \$
Mailed/Dropped in Office ±
Total December 31st

Offertory (December 24th) \$11,612.15
Christmas Collection \$12,325.50
Religious Ed Collection \$ 2,759.64
Building & Maintenance (December) . . . \$ 5,154.10

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to the newborn Savior?

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Mass Intention

Weekend of January 6th & 7th, 2018
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

Pam McDonald, J. V. Landry, Jr., Matthew Labbe, Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard, Grace Broussard Credeur, Dr. Robert Pavy, Roland Louviere, Lewis & Maude Picard, Clifford J. Viator & Family, Mabry, Tina Simon & Children (Her Birthday), Zachary Esters

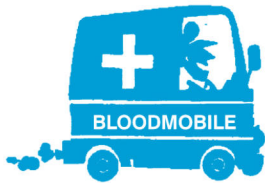
Weekday Masses

- Monday 8 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Tuesday 9 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 10 Sick of the Parish
- Thursday 11 St. Joseph Community
- Friday 12 Previous Bishops

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Priests





United Blood Services will be in the church parking lot this Sunday, **January 7th** from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The Next Elderberries Social will be held on Tuesday, **January 9th**, from 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon in the Life Center. Bring your favorite covered dish and a friend!

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **January 11th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

Baby Bottle Campaign Our Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the DesOrmeaux Foundation kicks off the weekend of **January 13th & 14th**. Please pick up a Baby Bottle in the gathering area, place your donation inside, and return it to church the following weekend or to St. Joseph Parish Office (208 E. Edith Road).

The Next Usher's Meeting will be held on Thursday, **January 18th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.



December

We welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly Baptized. We also pray for their parents and Godparents. Welcome:

Luciana Maria Oliva



Events This Week

- Mon. (8th):** 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade CCD RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- Tues. (9th):** Elderberries Social 9:30-12:00 Noon (Life Center) Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (10th):** 1st & 2nd Grade CCD
- Thurs. (11th):** Baptism Seminar 6:30 p.m. (Church) Pro-Life Rosary 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. (12th):** Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (13th):** Confirmation Retreat
- Sun. (14th):** 9th & 10th Grade CCD

Centennial News: Bishop Perry - On January 6, 1966, Harold R. Perry, SVD was ordained an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He became to first African-American Bishop in the twentieth century. Perry, a native of Lake Charles, was ordained a priest in 1944. His first assignment was at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lafayette, and he would later become the founding pastor of St. Joseph in Broussard. Perry is the first of six African-American bishops who were born and raised in the Diocese of Lafayette.

Centennial Indulgence an indulgence granted by Pope Francis can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (with the usual conditions for an indulgence). Please see the Diocesan Webpage for more information.



The Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, **January 13th**. Please call Eva at 856-0800 for any questions you may have.



Youth Group Meeting The next St. Joseph Youth Group meeting will this Sunday, **January 7th** in the Life Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Come join us for food, fellowship and fun.

Steubenville South Christian Conference Registration is now open for the Steubenville South Christian Conference on **June 22nd, 23rd, & 24th, 2018**. A down payment of \$35.00 will hold your spot. All youth who would like to attend should contact Eva Green at 856-0800.

Word of Life "To women with an unplanned pregnancy, Maya says, 'This is survivable. Have hope.'" *May every expectant mother encounter loving support as she awaits the birth of her child.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday's Readings

- 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
- Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
- 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
- John 1:35-42

Centennial Celebration Opening Mass

Please join Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel for this special Mass which will serve as the opening celebration of the Diocese of Lafayette's Centennial Celebration. Live stream access will be available at diolaf.org for those who are unable to attend in person. Held on Thursday, **January 11th**, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Martin De Tours, St. Martinville.

Mass In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life

This special Mass will be a ticketed event. It will be held on Friday, **January 19th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church. For tickets or for more information please call the Office of Marriage & Family Life at 261-5653.

Pro-Life Rally

Saturday, **January 20th**, held in the Quad at the University of Louisiana at ULL. This event is intended to be an inter-denominational event, bringing together all Acadiana residents to raise one loud collective voice against the killing of innocent life. The Pro-Life Rally begins at 9:30 a.m., the Pro-Life March at 11:30 a.m. Bishop Deshotel will greet Marchers at the door of the Cathedral at 12:30 p.m. with Prayer Service including Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

"A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." - Cure' of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Rev. Bernard Lebiedz, OSB
 Rev. Clyde LeBlanc
 Rev. Steven LeBlanc
 Rev. Jerome Ledoux, SVD
 Rev. Louis Ledoux
 Rev. Mark Ledoux
 Rev. Austin Leger

Welcome New Parishioners!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Parishioners who registered with St. Joseph during the month of December: Katherine Norris and M/M Ryan McNeill. We would also like to remind parishioners who have not registered with us, to consider this also. Registration forms can be found in the gathering area of church or online at stjo-milton.org. If you should have any questions, please call the office.

Mount Carmel School

On-Line Applications for all new students for the 2018-2019 School Year. Tuesday, **January 9th** at 8:00 a.m. (PK4-8th grade) call 898-0859 or email: mmcneil@mceschool.com or visit: www.mceschool.org.

Spiritual Care Unit House Call

The Spiritual Care Unit (SCU), a mobile confessional operated by the Community of Jesus Crucified, will be available on **January 20th** from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Pro-Life rally on the UL Quad in Lafayette.

St. Peter's Catholic Church & New Iberia Knights of Columbus

South Deanery Pro-Life Walk and Mass will be held on Tuesday, **January 23rd** at 6:00 p.m. The Walk starts at the grotto on Main Street to St. Peter's for a Pro-Life Mass.

A Day of Prayer and Reflection for Women of Faith

Saturday, **February 17th**, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Held at St. Pius X School Theater, 201 E. Bayou Parkway. Sponsored by the Theresians of Roses of Acadiana District. Deadline for early registration will be February 5th. Retreat Fees: Advance \$25, at the door \$30, UL Students \$15.00 (fees include light breakfast and lunch). Make checks payable to Theresians Roses of Acadiana District. Please visit www.acadianatheresians.com for more information.

Liturgical Ministers January 13th & 14th, 2018
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Servers

We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please call for a replacement if unable to make your scheduled time.

Saturday, January 13th, 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Judy Touchet
Lectors: Wally Broussard, Shelly Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Sylvia Broussard, Anna Bernard, Sherry Kenner
Altar Servers: Sarah Styles, Tucker Styles, Alyssa Lail

Sunday, January 14th, 8:00 a.m.
Sacristan: Morgan & Curliss Savoy
Lectors: Marie Baute, Joe Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Morgan Savoy, Curliss Savoy, Liz Curnutt, Deidre Toups, Liz Lanier, Vance Lanier
Altar Servers: Emma Begnaud, Karly Segura, Emily Landry

Sunday, January 14th, 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan: Leslie Breaux
Lectors: Leslie Breaux, Lisa McCowen
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Dan Guidry, Jude Bares, Kim Sonnier, Lisa LeBlanc, Stacey Frederick, Vickie Jacques
Altar Servers: Holden Martin, Walker Bares

Sunday, January 14th, 5:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Mary Landry
Lectors: Dennis Dumas, Velma Cheramic
Eucharistic Ministers: Kenny Darbonne, Renee Darbonne, Pam Begnaud, Wayne Begnaud, Debbie Dumas, Bailey LeBlanc, Mary Landry
Altar Servers: Meghan Tavares, Juel Smith, Konner Benoit



Thought of the week Most people spend the first half of their lives saying "I am too young" and the second half of their lives saying "I am too old". Don't let these be your excuses. Now is your time. Begin whatever it is you feel called to do. Whatever dream God has placed in your heart, begin it today. Your time is now.